

SIXTEEN MEN MAY WEAR FOOTBALL "M"

Those Who Received Letters Will Elect Captain for 1909.

"TUBBY" GRAVES, POSSIBILITY

If He is Ineligible, Ristine Is Probable Choice For Honor.

- HERE ARE MEN ENTITLED TO WEAR FOOTBALL "M's"
- H. W. Anderson, guard; C. L. Ristine, center; A. B. Wilder, full back; E. M. Ewing, full back; D. M. Nee, right end; W. R. Roberts, guard; S. R. Gove, tackle; G. A. Alexander, right half; W. J. Carothers, guard; D. W. Graves, left tackle; K. P. Gilchrist, left half; E. L. Miller, captain, guard; H. W. Crain, half; J. R. Black, right tackle; W. L. Driver, left end; W. N. Deatherage, quarter back.

Sixteen M's were awarded to the Tiger squad by the athletic board, which met Friday evening. The men who received their letters will meet at the home of Coach Monilaw Tuesday evening and elect a captain for the 1909 team.

There is some possibility that Graves may be eligible to play on next year's team, and if it is decided that he can play, he probably will be elected captain. Graves has been acting captain during the last season when Captain Miller was out of the game, and has shown ability as a leader. But the chances that he will be allowed to play for another season are small. Driver will also be found eligible if Graves is, as he has played the same length of time as the latter.

Ristine a Favorite.

Barring Graves, it looks as if Carl Ristine will be elected to lead the Tigers next year. Alexander is the other possibility. Both men have played great football during the season. Ristine has not played in as many games as Alexander, owing to the injury he received in the Iowa game. This kept him out of one of the minor games, but he played in all of the big ones, and was never taken out of the game except when injured.

Alexander has been in every game the Tigers have played and has probably gained more ground than any other man on the team, with the exception of Driver. He has seldom failed to gain ground when he had the ball, and was the best punter on the team, although he was often outplayed by his opponent.

Conservative, Coolheaded.

Ristine has played a great game and won a position on Monilaw's All-Missouri Valley team. His playing was not spectacular but in recovering fumbles and in tackling he proved his right to be classed as the best center in the Missouri Valley. As a football captain he probably is the best man for that position that the team could select. He is conservative and cool-headed, and knows how to take care of the men and keep them in condition; and, when the ballots are counted Tuesday night it probably will be found that Ristine has been elected.

WOMEN OF UNIVERSITY ENTERTAIN THE TIGERS

Women of the University of Missouri gave a reception Saturday evening in Academic Hall to the football men. The Varsity colors and footballs were used in the decorations. In the receiving line were members of the football squad and Dr. and Mrs. A. Ross Hill, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hetherington, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Monilaw, Miss Mary Breed, Miss Irene Scrutcheff, Miss Mary Paxton, Miss Alice Richardson and Miss Margaret Elston.

South Side Boys' Win Game.

The South Side Athletic Club and the Synagogue football teams played a game of football on the University of Missouri practice field last Saturday, the game resulting in a victory for the former, by 15 to 10. The South Side team is composed of High School boys residing in the Southern part of Columbia. The Synagogue team is made up of University of Missouri students rooming at 317 South Fifth street.

Former Professor Here.

Judge V. H. Roberts, of St. Louis, formerly professor of real property and corporation law, in the University of Missouri, is in Columbia on business.

OPENING SESSION FAIR WEATHER CONGRESS IS CONVENED HERE

Cold Weather and Warmer Day Bills Topics of Discussion in Both Houses.

The Fair Weather Congress opened its sixtieth session today. The Cold Weather and Warmer Days bills will be introduced next week. Although at present the Warmer Days bill stands a good show of being passed, it is believed that only the Cold Weather bill will go through the house. The forecast:

"Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday." The temperature at 6 a. m. was 13 degrees; at 2 p. m., 23 degrees.

COUNTY CLUB HEADS FORM ORGANIZATION

Body Will Aid in "Boosting" the University Enrollment.

Ten presidents of county clubs of the University of Missouri met Saturday morning in Academic Hall and organized a County Presidents' Club, the purpose of which is to organize clubs at the University from every county in the state and to systematize the work which these clubs are doing toward increasing the enrollment from the home counties.

The officers of the new organization are: Walter Stemmons, president; F. E. Breece, vice-president, and Miss Lela Howat, secretary-treasurer. The club is open to all presidents of county or city clubs at the University.

A committee consisting of D. T. Warren and C. C. McCann was appointed to formulate a plan of campaign. Interesting talks were made by the heads of the various county clubs as to the work being carried on in their counties. From Grundy county twenty-four students enrolled in the University this year, while last year there were only six. The Pike County Club, of which Miss Lela Howat is president, has also made a notable record.

The county club presidents who organized the new club are: Pike county, Miss Lela Howat; Macon county, James Preston Kem; Henry county, T. E. Breece; Lawrence county, C. C. McCann; Barry county, C. C. McCullom; Livingston county, A. T. Steele; Grundy county, D. T. Warren; Clinton county, Albert Heinz; Greene county, O. D. Chrisman; Jasper county, Walter Stemmons.

CHRISMAN IS PRESIDENT OF GREENE COUNTY CLUB

O. D. Chrisman, yell-leader and Senior engineer was elected president of the Springfield and Greene county club at a meeting Friday. Other officers elected were: William Stava, vice-president; Miss Carrie Schwider, secretary; H. Lincoln, corresponding secretary; S. Beacon, treasurer.

The Greene county club was organized three years ago with a membership of six. The club now numbers twenty-five persons. The members of the club will conduct a systematic campaign among high school students and others eligible for the University of Missouri.

The Greene county club is arranging to hold a banquet in Springfield Christmas. The banquet will be attended by all former Greene county students at the University of Missouri and those in the University at the present time.

U. OF MINN. HEAD RESIGNS

President Northrup, Who Has Served Twenty-five Years, Will Retire.

MINN., Minn., Dec. 7.—Dr. Cyrus Northrup, president of the University of Minnesota, will retire from the presidency of that institution at the close of the present college year.

His formal resignation will be presented to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota Tuesday. Dr. Northrup has been at the head of the University of Minnesota for twenty-five years.

Engineers Back from Chicago.

Sixteen Senior Civil Engineering students of the University of Missouri, who have been inspecting steel structures in Chicago and other Illinois towns, have returned. The party was in charge of A. Lincoln Hyde, professor of bridge engineering. The students taking the trip were: A. F. Porzelius, William Bott, F. Roth, F. E. Ross, C. D. Mann, L. B. Briggs, F. H. Wells, T. J. Schmidt, R. B. Westover, R. E. Lee, Patterson Bain, S. R. Morrow, C. Phillips, F. F. Hanly, A. V. Ellston and R. A. Potts.

B. Y. P. U. Reception.

The B. Y. P. U. will give a reception to its members and friends at the Baptist church this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The University Missourian telephone numbers are: department office, 377; news room, 274; business office, 714.

HEAR THE PLAIN OF POOR GROCERS!

One Says if Columbia Women Buy Wholesale, They Can Get Food Cheaper.

ANOTHER URGES, "PAY CASH"

Housekeeper Declares Prices Quoted Are Too Low, if Anything.

HERE IS THE LIST: ARE THE PRICES TOO HIGH?

Lamb, lb.	17 1-2	\$.18
Bacon, lb.	.19	.20
Eggs, doz.	.24	.35
Butter, lb.	.30	.35
Flour, cwt.	2.90	3.00
Corn meal, bu.	.90	.90
Sugar, lb.	.05 3-4	.06
Potatoes, bu.	.90	1.00
Sweet potatoes, bu.	1.35	1.75
Beans, lb.	.06	.06 1-4
Apples, bu.	1.25	2.00
Bananas, doz.	.25	.25
Oranges, doz.	.40	.50
Canned peas, doz.	1.50-\$3.00	2.00-\$3.00
Canned peaches, doz.	1.50-\$3.00	2.00-\$3.00
Canned beans, doz.	1.00-\$2.00	1.20-\$2.40
Canned corn, doz.	1.00-\$2.00	1.00-\$2.40
Beef steak, lb.	.18 3-4	.17 1-2
Pork, lb.	.15	.12 1-2
Dressed chicken, lb.	.25	.15
Beef roast, lb.	.16	.12 1-2
Mutton, lb.	.15	.15

The complaints of some grocers concerning the prices published in the Missourian Dec. 2, have been made in the form of letters to the University Missourian.

One grocer suggests that if the women of Columbia would buy their groceries in large quantities instead of "little dribs" they could get them as cheap here as in other places—presumably meaning at retail elsewhere. This grocer writes:

"In your issue of Dec. 2, you have an article on the great advance of groceries in Columbia. Your reporter must have been misinformed, as some of the prices quoted are much above the actual retail prices here.

"Bacon is lower than in October, country butter was thirty cents in October, now twenty-five to thirty. Sugar was \$5.75 to \$6.00 per cwt., now \$5.50 to \$5.75.

"Potatoes, northern and country, 90 cents; oranges, 25 to 50 cents per doz.; canned peas, \$1.00 to \$2.25 per doz.; canned beans, \$1.00 to \$1.75 per doz.; canned corn, .75 to \$1.75 per doz.

This Isn't Surprising.

"If the ladies of Columbia will buy their groceries in larger quantities instead of little dribs, they can buy them just as low in Columbia as any other place in the State.

"Country produce will probably bring better prices here than some of our neighboring cities on account of the great amount consumed at home, but outside of produce, we see no reason for any advance in groceries.

"We fear that if such reports as you published yesterday go over the state, it will keep young people of small means from coming to Columbia to school.

"Baker, Robinson & Co."

The Other Side.

This represents one side of the question and there is no lack of testimony to support the other side. A housekeeper who signs herself a "victim of high prices" writes:

"I have read with interest your price-lists of groceries showing the increase in the cost of living during the month and I find that in some items your quotation is even below the prices quoted to me at the grocers. For instance, sweet potatoes were quoted at \$2.00 a bushel one day this week. A quart bottle of olive oil, for which I never paid over 65 cents elsewhere, is 75 cents here.

"Celery was five cents a bunch last month and I have paid ten cents for a much poorer bunch this month. Cranberries were two quarts for twenty-five cents and now they are fifteen cents straight. The grocers quote apples at fifty cents a peck. They were twenty-five and thirty-five last month, but the quality is not as good now. In this state, famous for its apple crop, that staple fruit is too high for common use. Sometimes the grocers contend that prices have not advanced and they try to suppress the fact that

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MINISTERS HERE LIKE 25-MINUTE SERMONS



THE REV. DR. C. M. BISHOP.



THE REV. M. L. THOMAS.

Record of Rev. M. L. Thomas' History Was 12 Minutes Long—Thinks 25 Minutes About Right Time.

THIS FIGURE PLEASES OTHERS; RITUAL FACTOR IN SOME CASES

Pastors in Various Churches Tell Why It's Hard to Be Brief.

Columbia ministers agree that the long sermon is out of date. The average of their opinions as to how long a sermon should be is twenty-five or thirty minutes. When questioned by a reporter of the University Missourian, they frankly admitted, however, that they were not always able to live up to that standard.

The Rev. M. L. Thomas, pastor of the Baptist church of Columbia, spoke in a sermon recently about a former pastor, the Rev. X. X. Buckner, who often rode thirty miles to his place of service and never preached more than fifteen minutes. When asked what he thought about the length of sermons, the Rev. Mr. Thomas said:

Twelve Minutes His Shortest.

"I intend my sermons to be carefully prepared so that I may bring them easily within the range of time. On the average, I preach about twenty-five minutes. My shortest sermon took up twelve minutes. I find that my sermons are growing gradually shorter. I hope, however, that they may never become reproachfully short. It is my plan never to have the entire service appreciably more than an hour long.

"The length of a sermon depends on circumstances. It depends on the man and on his audience. One man may speak an hour and it seems only ten minutes, whereas another one will speak ten minutes and it seems an hour. I think it a good plan to work out the sermon carefully beforehand and to stop when through.

"It is said that people liked to hear the Rev. Mr. Buckner, a former pastor of this church whom I mentioned in a sermon recently, because he never preached long. Another pastor of this church, Tyre Harris, a talented minister who died early in life, made it his custom to preach only short sermons. He, too, was admired by his hearers. In most cases, I find that the pastors of this church have been men of short sermons."

The Rev. Henry P. Horton, pastor of the Episcopal church, expressed his opinion as follows:

Twenty-Minute Average.

"You remember the conundrum: 'What ought a preacher to preach about?' The answer is, 'About thirty minutes.' The length of a sermon, however, depends on circumstances. The service, other than preaching, of the Episcopal church is longer than that of most other churches, consequently it is necessary that the sermon be somewhat shorter. I suppose the average length of my sermons is about twenty minutes. On certain occasions, the sermon is made longer. A visiting minister is of course given more time if he desires it.

"The length of a sermon depends on the preacher and his congregation. On one occasion, I heard a gentleman talk for two hours. It was nearing the lunch hour, but when his talk was over we unanimously agreed that we would have been perfectly willing to have him speak two hours longer.

"Now, there are a good many people like the minister's son who, when it was mentioned to him that his father had preached an excellent sermon said:

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SPEAKER CANNON GETS OVATION AS CONGRESS OPENS

"Uncle Joe" Wields Gavel With Heavy Hand While Vice-President Fairbanks Taps Gently.

DEATH OF SENATOR ALLISON IS SUBJECT OF RESOLUTIONS

Sixtieth Session Gets Ready to Spend a Billion Odd Dollars.

FACTS ABOUT THE SECOND SESSION OF 60th CONGRESS

Opens Dec. 7, noon.
Closes March 4, noon.
Senate.
Republicans, 61; Democrats, 31.
Total, 92.
House.
Republicans, 221; Democrats, 168.
Vacancies, 2.
Total, 391.

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—With a series of resounding whacks of a mahogany mallet wielded by "Uncle Joe" Cannon and three gentle taps of an ivory gavel in the hand of Vice-President Fairbanks, the House and Senate opened today for the final session of the Sixtieth Congress.

Whereupon, the solons formally got ready for the business of deciding how Uncle Sam may best spend a billion odd dollars next year and of placing on the statute books sundry laws of more or less importance.

Both wings of the great white capitol presented the usual scenes of animation and beauty. An hour before the beginning of the session the galleries were packed to their limit. A large majority of the spectators were women arrayed in the latest fashions.

Ten Serving Last Term.

At least ten Senators are starting today upon their last term duty. Among them are some who have been prominent in their party councils. On the other hand, there are nearly twice as many who were receiving congratulations on the apparently sure indications that they would be re-elected, or upon the accomplished fact.

Amid all the handshaking, the exchange of congratulations, or of condolence, which preceded the session there was evidence of the fact that since they last met they had lost by death one of the most valuable members of the body.

Allison's Death Mourned.

This was brought prominently to their attention later when a resolution was offered and adopted appropriate to the demise of the late Senator William B. Allison of Iowa, who besides being chairman of one of the most important committees of the Senate, that on appropriations, was for years recognized as the great pacificator of warring factions.

The Senators who are probably beginning their last term today are: Ankeney of Washington, Foraker of Ohio, Fulton of Oregon, Hansbrough of North Dakota, Hemenway of Indiana, Kittredge of South Dakota, Long of Kansas, McCreary of Kentucky, Platt of New York and Teller of Colorado.

These Were Re-elected.

Those whose re-election has already been accomplished, or seems sure, are: Brandegee of Connecticut, Clarke of Arkansas, Clay of Georgia, Dillingham of Vermont, Gallinger of New Hampshire, Gore of Oklahoma, Reuben of Idaho, Hopkins of Illinois, Latimer of South Carolina, McNary of Louisiana, Newlands of Nevada, Overman of North Carolina, Penrose of Pennsylvania, Smoot of Utah, Stevenson of Wisconsin and Stone of Missouri.

After the opening prayer by the venerable Chaplain, Edward Everett Hale, and the roll call, the three customary resolutions which mark the beginning of a new session were offered and adopted.

The first fixed the hour of daily meetings at 12 o'clock noon; the second directed the secretary to notify the House of Representatives that the Senate was in session, and the third authorizing the vice-president to invite a committee to join with the committee appointed by the House for the purpose of announcing to the President that the Congress was ready to receive any message he might wish to send. Senator Dolliver of Iowa then offered a resolution expressing grief at the death of

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THE REV. H. P. HORTON.

SPRINGFIELD BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS

National Exchange, Having \$1,800,000 Deposits, Is Closed by Examiner.

By United Press. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 7.—The National Exchange Bank, one of the largest here, failed to open this morning. A note, posted by Examiner Roreback, says that the bank was closed by order of the Comptroller, but gave no reason.

The bank has a capital of \$250,000, a surplus of \$70,000, and deposits amounting to \$1,800,000. Its loans are estimated at \$860,000.

The officers are: president, L. S. Meyer; vice-president, E. N. Ferguson; second vice-president, A. R. Baldwin; cashier, E. S. Sanford; assistant cashiers, J. L. Hine and R. O. Cravens.

PROMISES BETTER LIGHT

Supt. Sherman Says Additional Wire Is Being Strung.

Defects in the electric light service in Columbia are being corrected. Supt. J. M. Sherman says. Upon receipt of complaints from consumers in the neighborhood of the University of Missouri about 3,000 feet of wire was strung on Ninth street, south from Broadway, Friday morning.

"That new wire on Ninth street materially increases the power of the lights in that neighborhood," said Mr. Sherman. "I think it will relieve the trouble. If it does not, I will investigate the matter further, and immediately correct whatever may be the fault."

Student's Collarbone Broken.

Frank E. Johnson, a Senior Engineer of the University of Missouri living west of Columbia, suffered a broken collarbone while helping his father ring hogs last Thursday. He was holding a large hog by a rope, while another man was putting a ring in the hog's nose. The hog gave a sudden lunge and threw Mr. Johnson to the ground.

"Co-op" Shareholders to Meet.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the University Co-operative Store will be held in the Auditorium tomorrow at 4:30 p. m. Three members of the Board of Directors will be chosen.

To Read "Mr. Dooley."

"Readings from Mr. Dooley" by Prof. John R. Scott is the program for the University Assembly tomorrow morn-